

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 and 2 to address preamble problems.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as indefinite.

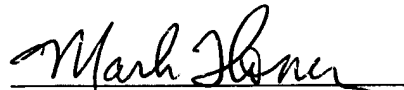
Specifically, the examiner indicates that it is unclear as to whether the receiver and presorter elements set forth in the preamble are being claimed.

As set forth in the amended claims, applicants are claiming a pulse descriptor word collector that is integrated into a surveillance system between the receiver and presorter (these elements are already present in electronic surveillance systems). Therefore, these elements are being claimed, but only to the extent necessary to identify the physical location of the pulse descriptor word collector within the surveillance system and the type of interaction between the pulse descriptor word collector with these elements. Hopefully, this clarifies the intent of the claims sufficiently to overcome the above referenced rejection.

Applicants have also amended the claims to address faulty/inconsistent preamble language used in the claims. This issue was identified and discussed with the examiner via telephone and it was agreed that such amendments would be appropriate at this stage of prosecution.

Accordingly, applicant believes that claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw all objections and rejections and allow said claims. Should the examiner need more information regarding this matter or have further suggestions regarding this application, feel free to call the undersigned at 401-832-6679.

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